

## **Amendments to the Claims**

Claims 1-18: (Withdrawn).

Claim 19: (Currently Amended) A system to seal and coat stucco, said system comprising:

a substantially waterproof and breathable polymeric sealant coating comprising microspheres and applied over said stucco; and  
a water-resistant acrylic paint applied over said stucco after application of said sealant coating.

Claim 20: (Original) A system as claimed in claim 19 additionally comprising a water-repellent preconditioner applied over said stucco before application of said sealant coating.

Claim 21: (Original) A system as claimed in claim 20 wherein said preconditioner comprises:

water;  
an acrylic primer; and  
a water-repellent silicate solution configured to bond with cement within said stucco.

Claim 22: (Original) A system as claimed in claim 21 wherein said silicate solution is an aqueous sodium methyl silicate solution.

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Claim 23: (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 19  
wherein wherein:

said sealant coating additionally comprises:

water;

a polyol comprising diethylene glycol;

a dispersant;

a surfactant;

a defoamer;

a cellulosic thickener;

a pH adjuster comprising monoethanolamine;

~~ceramic microspheres comprising a multiplicity of hollow~~

~~ceramic shells having diameters of 120-150 µm;~~

a white hiding pigment comprising titanium dioxide;

~~polymeric microspheres comprising a multiplicity of~~

~~hollow polymeric shells having diameters of 20-60 µm;~~

an antimicrobial preservative comprising

dimethyloldimethyldantoin;

a resin binder comprising an aqueous copolymer ~~emulsion.~~

emulsion; and

said microspheres comprise:

ceramic microspheres comprising a multiplicity of hollow

ceramic shells having diameters of 120-150 µm; and

polymeric microspheres comprising a multiplicity of

hollow polymeric shells having diameters of 20-60 µm.

~~an aqueous styrene acrylic copolymer emulsion;~~

~~an ester alcohol; and~~

~~a polysiloxane emulsion.~~

Claim 24: (New) A system as claimed in claim 19 wherein said sealant coating comprises:

a polyol;

an ester alcohol;

a defoamer;

a pigment;  
a polysiloxane emulsion;  
a dispersant;  
a surfactant;  
a pH adjuster;  
a preservative; and  
a thickener.

Claim 25: (New) A sealant coating as claimed in claim 24  
wherein said polyol comprises diethylene glycol.

Claim 26: (New) A sealant coating as claimed in claim 24  
wherein said pigment comprises a white hiding pigment

Claim 27: (New) A sealant coating as claimed in claim 26  
wherein said white hiding pigment comprises titanium dioxide.

Claim 28: (New) A sealant coating as claimed in claim 24  
wherein said pH adjuster comprises monoethanolamine.

Claim 29: (New) A sealant coating as claimed in claim 24  
wherein said antimicrobial preservative comprises  
dimethyloldimethyldantoin.

Claim 30: (New) A sealant coating as claimed in claim 24  
wherein said thickener comprises a cellulosic thickener.

Claim 31: (New) A system as claimed in claim 19 wherein:  
said sealant coating additionally comprises:  
water; and  
a resin binder; and  
said microspheres comprise:  
ceramic microspheres; and

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polymeric microspheres.

Claim 32: (New) A system as claimed in claim 31 wherein said ceramic microspheres comprise a multiplicity of hollow ceramic shells having diameters of at least 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 33: (New) A system as claimed in claim 32 wherein said hollow ceramic shells have diameters of 120-150  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 34: (New) A system as claimed in claim 31 wherein said polymeric microspheres comprise a multiplicity of hollow polymeric shells having diameters of 25-60  $\mu\text{m}$ .

Claim 35: (New) A system as claimed in claim 34 wherein each of said hollow polymeric shells is formed of vinylidene chloride and acrylonitrile.

Claim 36: (New) A system as claimed in claim 31 wherein said resin binder comprises an aqueous copolymer emulsion.

Claim 37: (New) A system as claimed in claim 36 wherein said aqueous copolymer emulsion comprises:

styrene monomers; and  
acrylic monomers.